IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend page 5, lines 21-25 as follows:

One embodiment determines whether an activity period of a first component contains the activity period of the second component to determine whether the first component has a synchronous dependency relationship with the second component. The first component's activity period contains the second component's activity period if two conditions are met: the start time of the second component is no earlier that the start time of the first component, and the end time of the ~~second~~ first component is no later than the end time of the second component.

Please amend page 16, lines 21-34 as follows:

The class *CIM_Service* is a CIM class that is a super class of class *J2EE_Servlet*. That is, *J2EE_Servlet* derives from *CIM_Service* which is present in the CORE CIM Schema ~~(as described, at the time of writing, at Web site 'www.dtmf.org/standards/standard_cim.php').~~ The field or property "Name" in the class is the key. Monitoring data obtained from the monitoring infrastructure interface 132 can be used to create an object of the above CIM class. Creating an object of the above *J2EE_Servlet* class amounts to using the functionality of the CIM Object Manager 40 to obtain an instance of *J2EE_Servlet* and to populate at least some of the fields in the

instance, and then writing the object to the repository 50. The new instance is created with a different key set from other instances of class *J2EE_Servlet* already present in the repository 50. Similarly, CIM classes *J2EE_EJB* and *J2EE_URLResource* are used for Enterprise JavaBeans and Web-based resources identified by URLs ~~(at the time of writing, these classes are provided within the JSR-77 Integrated Development Environment Toolkit Module available from Website 'www.java.sun.com')~~.